REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is being provided in response to the November 7, 2005 Office Action for the above-referenced application. In this response, Applicant has canceled Claims 8 and 51, added new Claims 55-60 and amended Claims 1, 22, 26, 36, 39, and 47 in order to clarify that which Applicant deems to be the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims and all newly added claims are supported by the originally filed application.

In response to the objection to the drawings as being informal, Applicant respectfully submits that formal drawings will be submitted when a Notice of Allowance is received in connection with this application.

In response to the objection to Claims 8 and 51, Applicant has canceled Claims 8 and 51 herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-8, 13-16, 18-20, 22, 26-30, 36, 39-47, and 49-54, under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement is hereby traversed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested in view of remarks and amendments herein. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-8, 13-16, 18-20, 22, 26-30, 36, 39-47, and 49-54, as amended herein, comply with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites in relevant part, *a method of detecting computer viruses, comprising: .. the antivirus unit ... wherein said antivirus unit scans at least one of the segments without using file-based information of the particular operating system or of any host having access to said at least one segment.* Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing recited features of Applicant's amended Claim 1 are described in the original disclosure, for example, at page 18, lines 7-17, which describe scanning the multi-host storage device for particular patterns corresponding to viruses without regard to the file structure, file system, or file types. The foregoing cite of the original disclosure also states that the advantage of scanning the multi-host storage device in this manner is that it does not require knowledge of the file systems used by the hosts.
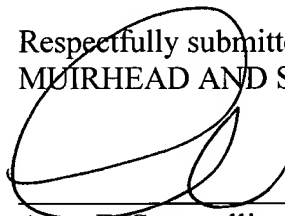
Independent Claims 22, 26, 36, 39 and 47 recite language similar to that as set forth above regarding Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1, 22, 26, 36, 39 and 47, and claims that depend therefrom, are fully supported and described in the originally filed specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that newly added Claims 55-60 are also patentable over the cited art.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 508-898-8604.

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